

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

**Whereas**, The education of our youth is the foundation upon which the economic, social, and intellectual capital of our state is built; and,

**Whereas**, Local school board members are committed to children, and believe all children can learn; and,

**Whereas**, Locally-elected school boards play important roles in a representative democracy – decisions made by local boards of education directly influence instruction in South Dakota's public schools; and,

**Whereas**, School boards set the direction for our public schools while keeping attention focused on improving student achievement; and,

**Whereas**, More than 950 local school board members across South Dakota demonstrate their dedication to education through the grassroots exercise of democracy; and,

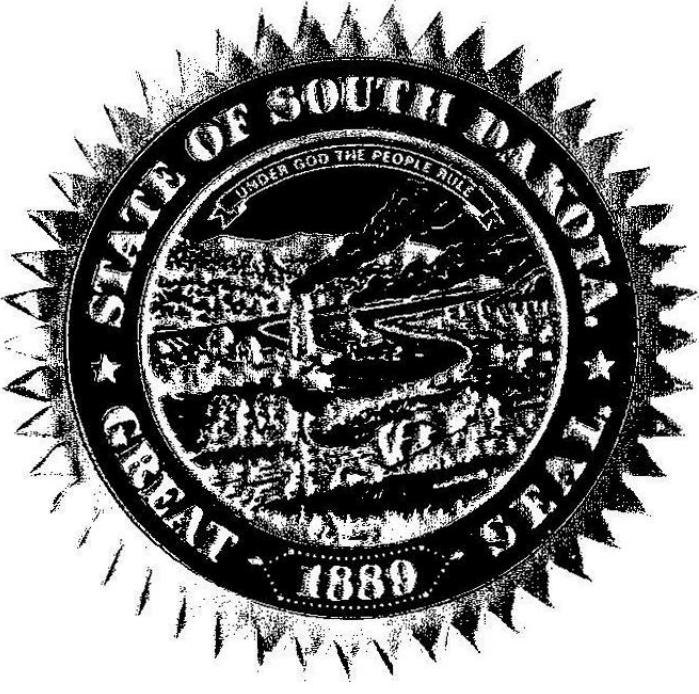
**Whereas**, School Board Recognition Week provides an opportunity to build stronger relationships between the hundreds of men and women who champion the cause of public education and the schools and communities they serve:

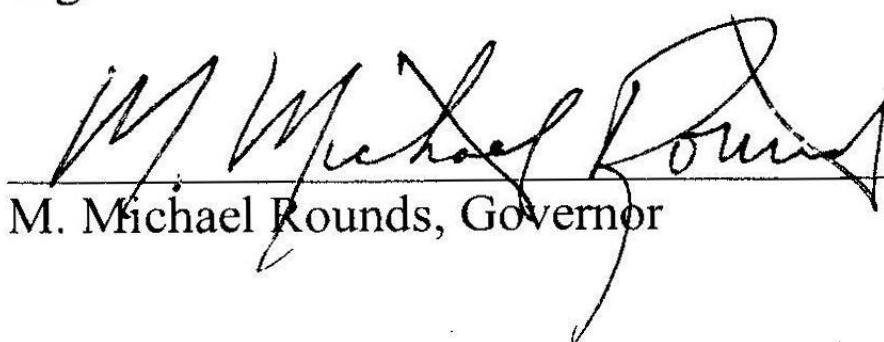
**Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds**, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 11-17, 2009, as

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in South Dakota, and encourage local school districts and community leaders to appropriately recognize their dedicated school board members.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.



  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State